

Governing Council

The Preschool is overseen by a management committee that comprises of parents, community members and staff. All families are welcome to become a member on this very important committee or maybe you would like to just come along to an occasional meeting. They are held in weeks 3 and 7 every term, at the centre.

Banking

Every Tuesday Bank SA offers a banking service to the Preschool. Bank staff collect the books from the centre every Tuesday morning and return the deposit books before the end of the morning session. An environmental bag can be found on the kitchen bench to place bank books in.

Dental SA

Dental SA have a dental clinic across the road from the preschool and offer dental services to preschoolers and school age children. Please contact them on Tuesdays to enrol your child. This service may be removed in 2012.

Please see staff if you have any further queries. We look forward to your involvement in our centre.



Peterborough Community Preschool and Rural Care Services.



Ph: 86512550

Fax: 86513456

Kierry.thomas@schools.sa.edu.au

Preschool Staff

Director: Kerry Thomas
ECW: Susie Adams
Support Worker: Ebonii Darling

Qualified Rural Care Staff

Tammi Perrott
Heather Graefe

Preschool Session Times

Monday 9.00am-3.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am-12.00am
Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm

Pre-entry Mon 9.00am-11.45am If the capacity is reached on Monday mornings pre entry will also be offered on Wednesday mornings.

Rural Care Operating Times

Monday to Friday 8am-6pm
School Holidays 8am-6pm

Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating at the centre by having set meal times where the children sit together and eat foods from their lunch box. Children have a morning snack, lunch and an opportunity to have an afternoon snack if they wish. Please supply your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their snack times and a healthy lunch.

Cold drinking water is provided at the centre however we encourage children to bring their own drink bottle but please provide water only. Not only is cordial and sugary drinks bad for your child's health it creates health issues when drinks are spilt and ants invade.

Literacy Programs

Once upon a Time is a reading challenge to encourage families to participate and enjoy reading books. We encourage all families to read to their child and then record the books read on their child's chart. Incentive prizes are given when 10, 20, 30 and 40 books are read. The aim is for each child to have read 40 books during their time at preschool.



Rural Care Program

Long Day is available upon vacancies at the centre.

Session times are

Morning 8am- 1pm

Afternoon 1pm- 6pm

Please see staff for more information.

Play Group

Play Group is a parent run organisation occurring Friday mornings at the Preschool from 10am—11.30am for children aged 0-5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Families are asked to bring a piece of fruit. For more information ask the staff.

CAFYHS Screenings

All children are screened in readiness for school when they are 4 years 3mths or older. Any concerns are then referred to the appropriate agencies. Families will be notified when their child is due for their health check.

Referral Agencies

We value the importance of early intervention with all children's development. If your family needs assistance we can refer to the following agencies:

Tiny Tots	Indigenous Services
Speech Pathologist	Early Intervention Unit
Occupational Therapist	Child And Mental Health Services
United Care Wesley—Port Pirie & Peterborough.	

Philosophy Statement

At our centre we:

- *Provide a fun, friendly, caring, safe place.
- *We work together on learning for children, staff, families and the community.
- *Provide a play based program using the Early Years Learning Framework.
- *Encourage family and community involvement to provide a quality centre by working as a team.
- *Provide an inclusive and engaging environment.

Active Learning

We believe that children learn through play. Each session a variety of challenging and engaging activities are set up to encourage different types of play both indoors and outdoors.

At the beginning of each term we learn about friendships and developing our social skills so that the children can make and keep friends as well as respond to situations in a positive manner.

Our programming is based on children's interests, observations and developmental needs and is underpinned by the Early Years Learning Framework. A copy of our programming is displayed in the centre.

What your child needs to bring

- Healthy fruit snacks and water bottle - Bag
- Healthy lunch - Spare change of clothes
- Wide Brimmed Hat/ Bucket Hat
- Shoes suitable for playing not thongs

Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled for easy identification.

Illnesses and absences

If your child is unwell we ask that you keep the child home until they are feeling better. Please inform staff of any infectious illness so that staff can take preventative action to ensure the illness does not spread. If your child comes to preschool with an infectious illness either yourself or the emergency contact will be asked to collect the child.

Children with allergies or a medical condition will be required to complete an medical action plan.

Fees

1 session	\$25.00
4 sessions	\$50.00
5 sessions	\$65.00

Term fees will be invoiced to each family at the beginning of the term. These fees cover items such as craft consumables, paints, glue, tissues and toilet paper. Therefore it is important that these fees are paid on time so that we can provide the highest quality learning program for your family.



Lunch Care Program

Lunch care is available on Monday and Wednesday from 12.00am—1.00pm. All parents of children attending full days are rostered on at a lunch session. If they are unable to attend they need to provide the kindy with \$25.00 in advance so that a person can be employed to do their duty.

Parental Involvement

At our centre we value the involvement of our families. If you can spare a few minutes in the day why not share some of your skills with the children. Please see staff if you wish to volunteer your services.